

Attorney Docket No. LD125b

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Examiner:

B. Coleman Gregory D. Vite et al.

Applicant: Serial No. Filed:

09/084,542 May 26, 1998

For:

**Epothilone Derivatives** 

Princeton, New Jersey 08543-4000 April 5, 2000

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

## PETITION REQUESTING WITHDRAWAL OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT \*

This is in response to the Notice of Abandonment dated March 29, 2000 received in connection with the above-captioned application. The Notice indicates that the present case is abandoned in view of "Applicant's failure to respond to the Office letter, mailed 6/23/99".

Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the holding of abandonment on the basis that they did not receive the aforementioned Office Action. In accordance with 1156 OG 53 ("Withdrawing the Holding of Abandonment When Office Actions Are Not Received"):

- (1) the undersigned hereby states that the Office Action was not received by applicants, the undersigned, or applicants' assignee;
- the undersigned hereby attests to the fact that a search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Office Action was not received; and
- (3) a copy of the docket records1 where the non-received Office Action would have been entered had it been received and docketed are attached hereto.

In view of the above, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the holding of abandonment, that the present case be returned to pending status,

\* CERTIFICATE OF MAILING I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

The docket records attached show the docket as of July 7, 1999 through December 20, 1999, covering the period of time from the mailing date of the Office Action (June 23, 1999) to six months thereafter when the response would have been due (December 23, 1999).

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and that they be mailed an Office Action so that they may respond and have this case considered for allowance.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Petition, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-3880. If there is any extension of time required not already petitioned for, such extension is hereby petitioned for.

Respectfully submitted,

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Registration No. 34.7

Registration No. 34,740 Telephone: (609) 252-4741

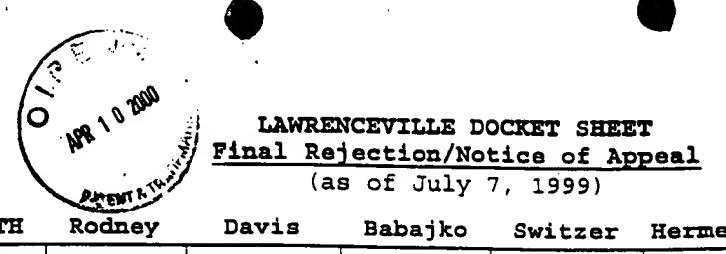
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